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1. FIRST SECRETARY JAPANESE EMBASSY YOICHI YAMAGUCHI AND ATTACHE TOMOJI AOKI RETURNED ROME AUGUST 16. THEY LEFT BEHIND TEAM JAPANESE EXPERTS WHO WILL CONDUCT TWO MONTHS SECOND PHASE CAUSEWAY STUDY. TECHNICAL TEAM LED BY TATSUO ASAMA, MANAGER OF PROJECTS, JAPANESE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, AND INCLUDES KEIICHI DOMADA, FOUNDATIONS ENGINEER, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION; KOZO TAKAHASHI, GEOLOGIST, MONSHU SHIKOKU BRIDGE AUTHORITY; TOSHIRO KUKUYAMA, BRIDGE ENGINEER, JAPAN OVERSEAS CONSULTANT CO. LTD; AKIRA BABA, ECONOMIST, JAPAN OVERSEAS CONSULTANT CO. LTD.; TERUHIRO ENOMOTO, HYDROGRAPHIC SUUVEYOR, SANYO HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY CO. LTD.;

KYOJI SERIGUCHI, GEOLOGICAL SURVEYOR; KOICHI SHIRAKI, OCEANGRAPHIC SURVEYOR, MANSORI WATANABE, HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYOR; FUNIC MIGAI, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCY.

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2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY MALTA NEWS (GWU) REPORTS CAUSEWAY LINKING MALTA, COMINO AND GOZO WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS COMPLETE. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE IS THAT CAUSEWAY WOULD COST SEVEN MILLION MALTA POUNDS (APPROXIMATELY 19,6 MILLION DOLLARS). THIS FIGURE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION, HOWEVER, FOLLOWING COMPLETION CURRENT PHASE CAUSEWAY STUDY. ACCORDING TO LAST GOZO COMMISSIONER, RUBIN BONELLO, SUCH AN INVESTMENT WOULD BE MISPLACED NOW THAT WORK IS NEARLY COMPLETED ON INFRASTRUCTURES SUCH AS NEW GOZO PORT AND HOSPITAL.

3. COMMENT: WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, MINTOFF IS PROBABLY GETTING SOME POLITICAL MILEAGE AMONG THE GOZITANS FOR MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT ON IMPROVING MALTA-GOZO COMMUNICATIONS. WHETHER HE WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO USE ANY OF HIS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OFFERS FOR THIS PURPOSE IS ANOTHER QUESTION.
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